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SUBJECT: MBFR: UK "STEERING BRIEF"

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1. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY LONDON AND USNATO TO ASCERTAIN FROM UK OFFICIALS PRIOR TO INITIAL NAC DISCUSSION ON JULY 25 HOW THEY CONCEIVE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEIR RECENTLY SUBMITTED PAPER AND THE BELGIAN CONFIDENTIAL

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PAPER ON PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATIONS. WE FORESEE, AS UK

DOES, A NEED FOR COUNCIL AGREEMENT IN GENERAL TERMS ON HOW FIRST PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT, AND WILL HAVE SUGGESTIONS OF OUR OWN TO MAKE ON THIS SUBJECT. WE ASSUME THAT THE UK WOULD WISH TO POSTPONE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC UNTIL AFTER THE COUNCIL HAS AGREED ON A SUBSTANTIVE APPROACH TO MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.

2. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK WHETHER THE UK CONSIDERS THAT THE PROCEDURAL SECTION OF ITS PAPER SUBSTITUTES FOR OR SUPPLEMENTS THE BELGIAN PAPER. IF THIS SECTION IS CONSIDERED A POTENTIAL SUBSTITUTE, WE WOULD BE PREPARED IN GENERAL TO BACK THE MORE PRAGMATIC UK APPROACH, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HAS THE INFORMAL SUPPORT OF THE FRG.

3. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO MANY OF THE POINTS CONTAINED IN THE BELGIAN PAPER. WE DO HAVE DIFFICULTIES, HOWEVER, WITH THE SECTION WHICH PURPORTS TO DELINEATE THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE AD HOC GROUP. WE REALIZE THIS SUBJECT IS A SENSITIVE ONE AND WOULD PREFER TO AVOID DEBATING IT IN THE COUNCIL IN EXPLICIT TERMS. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID OR LIMIT THIS ASPECT BY FOCUSING DISCUSSION ON THE UK PAPER; ALTHOUGH SAME PROBLEM ARISES THERE, IF IN MITIGATED FORM.

4. ADDRESSEES MAY MAKE ABOVE POINTS TO UK OFFICIALS, TELLING THEM WE WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT IN NEAR FUTURE.

5. FOR USNATO: SUGGESTED COMMENTS TO BE MADE DURING INITIAL DISCUSSION OF US AND UK PAPERS BY USNATO WILL BE FORWARDED SOON. RUSH

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